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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/804,323	Applicant(s) NITTO ET AL.	
	Examiner Julie-Huyen L. Ngo	Art Unit 2871	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of species A in the reply filed on January 17, 2006 is acknowledged.

However, claim 5 recites a feature, "*said portion of the rear cover 20 extends to a front surface of the bezel*", that does not read on the elected species A.

Accordingly, claim 5 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okamoto et al. (US2001/0050732).

Okamoto et al. teach (Fig. 3-4) forming a liquid crystal display device comprising:

- a liquid crystal panel 12
- a light guiding plate 28 for illuminating the liquid crystal panel
- a frame 20 on which the liquid crystal panel is mounted
- a bezel 22 including an upper wall which covers a periphery of the liquid crystal panel and has an opening through which a display portion of the liquid

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crystal panel is exposed to the outside, and a side wall bent from the upper wall and covering a side wall of the frame

- a screw 26 connecting a side wall of the bezel to the frame; and
- a rear cover 24 for housing the light guiding plate from a bottom side of the light guiding plate
- the rear cover 24 having an extended portion 24c which extends from a back side of the light guiding plate beyond a position of the screw, wherein the extended portion has a hole through which said screw passes 24a and the extended portion is formed between the side wall 20 of the frame and the side wall of the bezel

wherein

Claim 2:

- the frame has a threaded hole in which the screw is engaged.

Claim 3:

- the frame 20 surrounds the light guiding plate.

Claim 4:

- the frame has a positioning means for positioning the liquid crystal panel.

Claim 16:

- the bezel, the extended portion, and the frame are in contact with one another at least at a periphery of portions connected together by the screw.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 6 would be allowable since there is no prior art teaches a liquid crystal display device with a control circuit board connected to the liquid crystal panel is arranged between the sidewall of the bezel and the frame.

Claim 17 would be allowable since there is no prior art teaches the bezel, the control circuit board, the extended portion, and the frame are in contact with one another in this order at least at a periphery of portions connected together by the screw.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

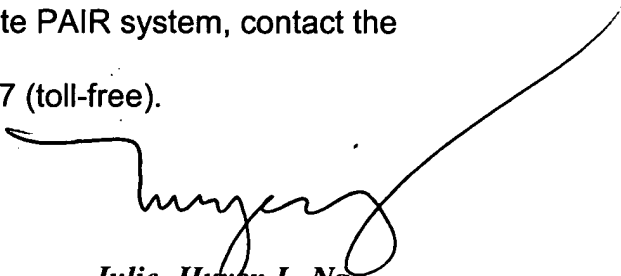
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Julie-Huyen L. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2295. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Mr. Font G. Frank can be reached at (571) 272-2415.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1562.

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